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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

DEL SOLDATO

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For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 15, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 5 and 7-12 as follows. A copy of the marked up original claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37

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4. (Amended) Compounds according to claim 1 wherein the precursors of B and B₁ are those meeting test 4.

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5. (Amended) Compounds according to claim 1 wherein Y³ in formula (III) is selected from the following:

